

# You and the U.S.



## In The News:



On August 5<sup>th</sup> this year, **Curiosity** landed on Mars. If you're curious to learn more about this amazing vehicle, [turn to the next page...](#)

## Coming Up:

As the weather starts to get cooler in the U.S. we wave goodbye to the beautiful Monarch butterflies. They're off to the warmth and sunshine of Mexico for the winter.

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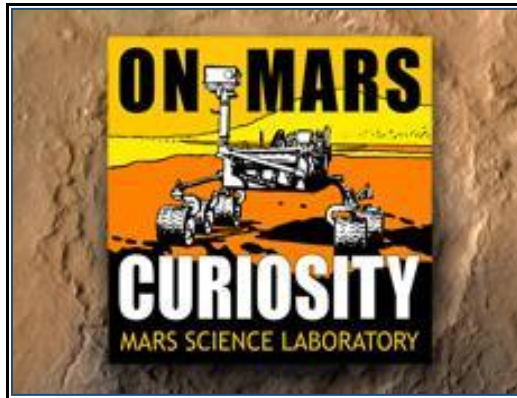
## You Want To Know:

Burgers? Fries? Hot dogs? Just what do kids like to eat in the U.S? [Let's find out...](#)

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?



On August 5<sup>th</sup> this year a strange-looking craft, about the size of a small car, landed at a place known as Gale Crater on the planet Mars. It had taken **8 years of planning** and a journey of **570 million kilometers** across space at a **speed of 22,000 kilometers per hour** to get there. This little vehicle has an important job to do. It will act as NASA scientists' eyes and hands so that it can help them find an answer to the **Big Question**: Has the Martian environment ever supported life?

There was another slightly smaller question, too: **What should this amazingly clever little vehicle be called?** The scientists at NASA decided to hold an essay writing competition to find just the right name. **Over 9,000 school kids from all 50 states** entered the contest! The winner was Clara Ma, who goes to school in Kansas. In her essay she wrote:

**"Curiosity is an everlasting flame that burns in everyone's mind. It makes me get out of bed in the morning and wonder what surprises life will throw at me that day..... We will never know everything there is to know, but with our burning curiosity, we have learned so much."**

These were the winning words that inspired NASA to give the name **"Curiosity"** to its latest space traveler from Earth to Mars.

If you want to discover more about Curiosity on its **2 year mission to Mars**, and keep up with all the **latest news and pictures** from the Red Planet, just go to the Embassy web site:

**[london.usembassy.gov/eande](http://london.usembassy.gov/eande)**



## FREQUENT FLYERS!



These are **Monarch Butterflies**. Monarch butterflies are famous international travelers!

Monarchs fly from Canada and the U.S. to spend the winter in **Mexico**. This trip is called **migration**. Monarchs migrate as far as **2,500 miles (4,000 kilometers)** away!

The monarchs hang in trees in **Mexico** for the winter. The forest shelters them.

In the spring the monarchs leave Mexico and go back north to the U.S. and Canada. Their migration begins in March. The monarchs become international travelers once again.

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Butterflies can see **red**, **green**, and **yellow**
- The top butterfly flight speed is 12 miles(19 kms) per hour
- Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is less than 30 degrees



## “OUR VERY FIRST KIDS’ STATE DINNER...THIS IS SO, SO AWESOME!”



That's what Mrs. Obama, the First Lady, said when she sat down to eat at the White House on August 20<sup>th</sup> 2012. The First Lady's guests on this historic occasion were kids from every state in the U.S. They were really looking forward to the meal because some of them had chosen the recipes for all the courses, from starter to pudding! So, what was on this very special menu?

### ***First***

*Kale Chips*

*Quinoa, Black Bean and Corn Salad*

### ***Main***

*Yummy Cabbage Sloppy Joes*

*Baked Zucchini Fries*

### ***Dessert***

*Strawberryanna Smoothie*

*Summer Fruit Garland*



The chefs for the Kids' State Dinner used ingredients grown in the White House vegetable garden and the food was prepared and cooked in the White House kitchen. Here's a chef putting the finishing touches to one of the starters. Who did the washing up afterwards, we wonder?

